**Tea Trading Corporation of India**

1158. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector trading in tea is now being operated through various agencies like Andrew Yule, Balmer Lawrie and even the State Trading Corporation, despite the fact that the Tea Trading Corporation of India was formed solely for the purpose of operating trade in tea;

(b) whether Government propose to channelise the entire tea trade through the Tea Trading Corporation; and

(c) whether the State Trading Corporation has the requisite expertise in doing the tea and also registered in any of the auction centres as a tea trader, if not, what are the reasons for allowing the Corporation to trade in tea in competition with its own subsidiary, the Tea Trading Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The major part of the tea trade is in the private sector. In addition to Tea Trading Corporation of India other Central Public for Undertakings like Balmer Lawrie, Andrew Yule a s als$_o$ State Public Sector corporations are involved in tea.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The State Trade Corporation of India makes use of its marketing strength, expertise and foreign offices to obtain export orders for various products, including tea, which executes with the help of associates Tea exports are handled by its Tea Division and its exports in the past have been comparable to Tea Trading Corporation of India. With the conversion of TTCI into a subsidiary of STC, tea operations of both the companies are in the process of being rationalised.

**फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड फरीदाबाद, हरियाणा**

1159. **श्री सोहनलाल धूलिया** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड कम्पनी फरीदाबाद (हरियाणा) कब से तथा किन कारणों से बंद पड़ी है ;

(ख) इसमें कितने श्रमिक कार्य करते थे; और

(ग) सरकार ने उक्त मिल को फिर से चलाने तथा बेरोजगारी दूर करने के विचार से भूतपूर्व कर्मचारियों को पुन: नियोजित करने के लिए अब तक क्या प्रयत्न किये हैं?

**श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.ए. संगमा)** : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना हरियाणा सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे यथा-समय सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

**Refinancing of soft drink plants by Industrial Development Bank of India**

1160. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India is re-financing soft drink plants at present;

(b) if so, what is the number of such applications cleared by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in 1985-86, giving details of locations of such plants and the financial involvement of IDBI in each case;

(c) whether any such proposals for re-finance are pending with the IDBI; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Industrial Develoment Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that new projects for manufacture of soft drinks are *discomraged* in view of their low priority.

(b) According to provisional information furnished b the IDBI, 8 manufacturing units of soft drinks were sanctioned refinancing assistance to the tune of Rs.